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FINANCE
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INCREASE IN TOP LEVEL POSTS IN GOVERNMENT
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a)whether there has been continuous increase in number of posts of Director, Joint Secretary, Additional Secretary and Secretary level officers leaving some period in between from 1.3.1994 to 1.3.2000 despite instructions of applying 10 percent reduction in those posts with reference to strength obtaining as on January 1, 1992 as has been pointed out by the Standing Committee on Finance in their Sixth report 1999-2000 on page No.59;

(b) if so, the reasons for not reducing the strength of officers in the above posts and the action taken to reduce the strength in those posts without further delay;

(c) whether officers in the posts of Director, Joint Secretary and Additional Secretary apply on deputation posts in Delhi to come to Delhi than to serve and States and the areas for which they are recruited; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to discourage such practice and ensure that the such officers serve the States/areas for which they have been recruited?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a)&(b): As per data on page 59 of the Sixth Report of the Standing Committee on Finance 1999-2000, which had been collected from the Department of Personnel & Training, the number of posts of Director, Jt. Secretary, Addl. Secretary and Secretary level officers had increased between 1.3.94 and 1.3.2000 (except for certain periods). However, this by itself cannot be taken as contrary to instructions on 10% cut since the 10% reduction was to be applied on the overall strength of the Department & not at each level in the hierarchy.

(c)&(d) : As regards All India Service Officers, the cadre strength is fixed taking into account 40% of the posts as Central Deputation Reserve (CDR), with a view to infuse Central Government with expertise obtained at the state level. Organised Central Service Group`A` officers are also appointed to such posts in accordance with the provisions of Central Staffing Scheme.